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REMARKS

The above-referenced application has been reviewed in light of the office action, dated June 28, 2004. The Abstract is objected to; claims 1-20 are rejected for 35 U.S.C 102(

Abstract

Applicant has amended the abstract to overcome the rejection

Claims Rejection

Examiner argues Shiraishi teaches the claimed subject matter depicted in claim 3. The Applicant respectfully disagree. Shiraishi teaches discarding unnecessary data in output patterns. In contrast, Applicant asserts that claim 3 teaches bypassing decompression if the test vector does not efficiently compress. Therefore, Applicant can not understand Examiner's assertion that bypassing decompression for inefficient compression of a test vector with discarding unnecessary output pattern data. Obviously, Shiraishi does not discuss bypassing decompression.

Figures

Applicant has submitted formal figures to overcome the rejection in a separate letter to the draftsperson.

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51 CONCLUSION

52 In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully asserted that all of the claims pending in
53 this patent application are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any
54 questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at (503) 712 8918. Consideration of
55 this patent application and early allowance of all the claims is respectfully requested.

56 Respectfully submitted,

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